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SUBJECT: TURKISH RESPONSE TO COUNCIL OF EUROPE COMMISSION
ON HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT ON CYPRUS

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1. AS INDICATED REFTTEL, TURKISH AMBASSADOR RECENTLY PROVIDED DEPARTMENT ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS WITH COPY OF TURKISH GOVERNMENT REBUTTAL OF REPORT PREPARED BY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE ON COMPLAINTS MADE BY CONFIDENTIAL

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GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS ABOUT ALLEGED TURKISH VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN 1974-75.

2. TURKISH PAPER IS EXTREMELY LENGTHY DOCUMENT INCLUDING EXTENSIVE REVIEW OF HISTORY OF CYPRUS PROBLEM FROM TURKISH PERSPECTIVE. GOT ARGUES THAT GOC SHOULD HAVE NO STANDING BEFORE COUNCIL OF EUROPE SINCE IT ONLY REPRESENTS GREEK

CYPRIOT COMMUNITY. DOCUMENT INCLUDES EXTENSIVE ANNEXES ON ALLEGED VIOLATIONS COMMITTED BY GREEK CYPRIOTS TOWARD TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY IN PERIOD 1963-74. GOT CHARGES THAT FINDINGS OF COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS ARE INCOMPLETE, ONE-SIDED, AND BASED ENTIRELY ON GREEK CYPRIOT ALLEGATIONS AND THEREFORE IT REJECTS ALL OF THE FINDINGS OF THE COMMISSION. GOT ALSO CONTENDS THAT THE CHARGES SHOULD NOT

HAVE BEEN DIRECTED AT THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY BUT RATHER SHOULD HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED TO THE TURKISH FEDERATED STATE OF CYPRUS SINCE "THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAS NO REAL AUTHORITY IN CYPRUS AND THEREFORE CAN NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE." DOCUMENT ALSO CONTENTS THAT TURKISH TROOPS IN CYPRUS WERE GIVEN STRICT ORDERS TO PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS AND THAT THOSE WHO VIOLATED THESE ORDERS WERE PUNISHED ACCORDINGLY.

3. DEPARTMENT POUCHING INTRODUCTION AND CONCLUSION OF DOCUMENT TO ADDRESSEES. VANCE

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